

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following **Listing of Claims** will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An herbal formula for treating or lessening the severity of asthma, wherein said formula comprises an herbal mixture consisting of Ling-Zhi, Ku-Shen, and Gan-Cao-, wherein:

the ratio of Ling-Zhi to Ku-Shen is in the range of about 1:3 to about 27:1 Ling-Zhi:Ku-Shen;

the ratio of Ling-Zhi to Gan-Cao is in the range of about 1:1 to about 53:1 Ling-Zhi:Gan-Cao; and

the ratio of Ku-Shen to Gan-Cao is in the range of about 1:3 to about 18:1 Ku-Shen:Gan-Cao.

2. (Original) The herbal formula according to claim 1, wherein said herbal formula contains about 9 to 40 grams of Ling-Zhi.

3. (Original) The herbal formula according to claim 2, wherein said herbal formula contains about 3 to 15 grams of Ku-Shen.

4. (Original) The herbal formula according to claim 3, wherein said herbal formula contains about 1.5 to 9 grams of Gan-Cao.

5. (Original) A composition comprising the herbal formula according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle.

6. (Previously presented) A composition comprising the herbal formula according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle.

7. (Original) The composition according to claim 5, wherein said composition further comprises an additional therapeutic agent.

8. (Original) The composition according to claim 7, wherein said additional therapeutic agent is a corticosteroid.

9. (Original) The composition according to claim 8, wherein said corticosteroid is an inhaled corticosteroid.

10. (Original) The composition according to claim 7, wherein said additional therapeutic agent is a bronchodilator.

11. (Original) The composition according to claim 7, wherein said bronchodilator is an inhaled bronchodilator.

12. (Previously presented) A method for treating or lessening the severity of asthma, in a patient in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said patient the herbal formula according to claim 1.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (New) The herbal formula according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of Ling-Zhi to Ku-Shen to Gan-Cao is in the range of about 6:2:1 to about 9:3:1 Ling-Zhi:Ku-Shen:Gan-Cao.

16. (New) The herbal formula according to claim 1, wherein said herbal mixture consists of about 85% Ling-Zhi, about 8.5% Ku-Shen, and about 6.5% Gan-Cao.